

Central Life

Central Presbyterian Church

September 11, 2013

Worship in the Park

"Grass & Grill"

Bluegrass music and lunch

11:15 AM



Waldo Miles Pavilion at Sugar Hollow Park

Fellowship & Dining Committee will be grilling hamburgers and hotdogs.
Please bring a covered dish or two to share.

Worship will be music and a message from Mike.

Special (1)... Phil Timp and family will be at the picnic to enjoy the fellowship and to stamp his signature on copies of his book. If you do not have one, they will have books available for purchase.

Special (2)... There will be an "All Star Bluegrass Jam" after lunch. Everyone can participate - bring your own instrument or voice.

Directions... Hwy 11 (Lee Hwy) across from Target, follow the road up over the dam and look for signs to CPC picnic.

Note about parking... Those who are able, please park in the grassy area before you enter the Waldo Miles area. That will leave the close-in parking spaces for those who are less able to walk that distance.

Pastor's Corner

Preparation is the word for today. Jesus lifted up the parable of the ten bridesmaids in Matthew 25. Five were prepared with lamps and oil for use when the bridegroom was to arrive. The other five were foolish and unprepared. When the foolish ones attempted to borrow oil from the wise ones, they were turned down, because there was not enough oil to go around.

The *interim time* is a period of preparation for the future of the congregation and it is not just a time, but a process to which all are invited to share. This period in the life of our congregation is one where we examine what works well for us and areas of activity and direction that do not work well for us. David Sawyer left us with recommended tasks to prepare us for the time when we will develop the future vision of what we discern that God wants from this congregation.

If there is one thing that I have learned about congregations across our land it is that communication skills are lacking. When I have done surveys with congregations, the largest complaint has been that people say they do not get the proper information in a proper timing and in a way that helps them to know the leadership's expectation in ministry.

We are attempting to keep it simple in our congregation for this fall. We are kicking off the study and discussion in the book by John Savage, **Listening and Caring Skills**. As you may have already heard, we are being treated to an introduction by a graduate of this John Savage course - this Wednesday evening (Sept. 11) at our meal together by Thais Sikora. Come and enjoy this meal and time together.

So, it is proper to say that when we have, in a significant way, moved through this initial recommendation from David Sawyer and really begun to build our skills of communication together, we are then ready to move to the next assignment. That second phase is to spend a few intentional weeks building on our understanding of who we are together and whose we are. "The icing on that cake" will come when we work together in discerning what it is that God is calling us to do and be in this part of His Kingdom.

So it is, we prepare our lamps for giving the light that is needed in a wise fashion just as Jesus' parable signifies. Let us prepare ourselves to be the congregation that we aspire to be. We live in challenging times that challenge us to be prepared to be the disciples that explored the cost of being disciples.

Being God's called people, we go as God calls,

Pastor Mike



Worship News

Sunday, September 15

11:15 a.m.

GRASS & GRILL

at Sugar Hollow Park

Mike Chamberlain preaching

Jeremiah 4:11-12; 22-28;

Luke 15:1-10

Sunday, September 22

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

George Conn preaching

Joshua 24:1, 14-15

“Spending a Pound”

Sunday, September 29

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Mike Chamberlain preaching

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Luke 16:19-31

“Do You Know Who Won't Be There?”

Meetings coming up:

Session - Tuesday, Sept. 17, 7:00 pm

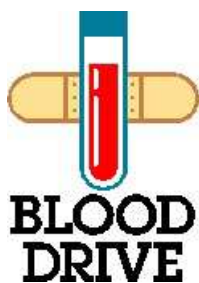


Once again it is time to start preparing our **Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes!** Let's round up our shoeboxes and/or plastic containers and begin prayerfully filling them with gifts of toys, stuffed animals, school supplies, hard candy, etc. As always, there is still no limit on the number of boxes you can prepare!

Remember, this isn't simply a gift for a child, but is also an opportunity to reach children and their families with the good news of the love of Jesus Christ. Follow-up discipleship classes are made available for the children.

The deadline this year is November 10, 2013. Yes, you will be able to purchase a pre-packed shoebox again this year. Watch for more information in the next newsletter.

If you have questions, please call Janis Davis at 423-574-1202



The September Blood Drive has been cancelled. We are working with the blood bank to find the best way to keep CPC in the blood donation loop. Watch for updates soon.

“These Days,” devotional booklets for Oct/Nov/Dec are now available at the church.

Attendance:

Sunday, September 1 - 196

Sunday, September 8 - 192



The Backpack program has started up again. Needed for the next few weeks are individual packages of:

1. Raisins
2. Instant Breakfast
3. Cereal



Wednesday Night Activities for preschool - adult

5:30 Prepared meal
6:15 Programs for adults, classes for children and youth

Adult programs for September...

Wed, Sept. 11 -
Kickoff of the "Listening & Caring Skills" Study (Menu - variety of salads, cobbler)

Wed, Sept. 18 -
Edwin Lacy will give an update on the Wild Goose Community (Menu - Soup & Sandwich, Strawberry Pretzel dessert)

Wed, Sept. 25 -
International students from VI College will tell us about their home countries (Menu - baked chicken with rice & gravy, brownies)

THE BOOKS ARE HERE!
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That is the "Listening and Caring Skills" book which will be the focus of small groups this Fall.

Wednesday, Sept. 11, Thais Sikora will introduce the concepts in the book. Thais has studied with author, John Savage, and everyone is getting excited to be part of this study.

You may purchase your book on Wednesday (\$12.00 each) and sign up expressing your interest in being part of an upcoming small group. Groups will be organized in neighborhoods or by the best times to meet, etc. You may also order the on-line e-book if you prefer.

Bristol Faith in Action Personal Care Kit Item List

In a 1-gallon Zip-Loc or reusable cloth shopping bag, **regular (not travel size) size of the following:**

- ◆ Shampoo
- ◆ Soap
- ◆ Toothbrush
- ◆ Toothpaste
- ◆ Deodorant
- ◆ Comb or brush
- ◆ Razor (s)
- ◆ Small can of shaving foam
- ◆ Washcloth
- ◆ Emery boards or nail clippers
- ◆ Lotion, if available

If you tailor some to men and some to women that would be great. For example, Secret deodorant and emery boards rather than Right Guard and nail clippers. But this is not a requirement. Inexpensive or store brands are fine. Purchase the things that you, yourself, would use.

While we prefer you not use travel size in the personal care kits, we welcome those because we give them out in bulk. But they should be unopened and clean.

You may also want to include a note stating who put the bag together, which church, and perhaps a note of encouragement.

You may bring your bags to church or deliver them to BFIA any Tues-Fri, 10:00 – 2:00 (1534 Euclid Ave).

Tyler Franklin
BFIA Executive Director



Come Ready for a “Mountain Top” on September 28, 2013

Been awhile since you’ve had a “mountain top” experience? Let’s create it together as a presbytery wide inspirational and educational event on Saturday, September 28 from 9:30 am to 2 pm at the Royal Oak Presbyterian Church in Marion.

Highlights include:

Worship led by the NYC Mission Trip teens and their leaders

“**Top 10 Tips for Education Technology**” by keynote speaker Dr. Von Clemans from the Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte NC

Workshops:

“**Mission Trips – Yes You Can!**” by Greg Wood and Tony Palubicki

“**The Apostles’ Creed – Live!**” dramatic presentation by Alice Blanton

Mission Sharing displays. There will be time during lunch for you to share a few of the neat things you’ve been doing mission-wise this year. Set up a pictorial display by 9:30 in FH and be prepared to tell us a bit about it (limit 3 minutes!)

Free Resource Table. Have any excess CE, VBS, or Mission materials? Any liturgical, devotional, or other books you’d like to have someone else enjoy? Any hymnals or choir anthems you no longer want to keep? Bring them for our Free Resource Table, and then take anything else there you or your own church can use.

Pre-registration encouraged by calling Thais Sikora at 276- 669-2169 or by email at fsekora@yahoo.com.

Mountain Top Schedule

9:30 am Registration and Fellowship

10:00 am Youth-led Worship in Sanctuary led by teens and their leaders from the NYC Mission Trip

11:00 am Keynote Speaker Dr. Von Clemans from the Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte NC speaking on “Top Ten Tips for Education Technology”

12:00 noon Lunch in Fellowship Hall. Box lunches will be provided by the Main St. Gift and Eatery.

12:30 pm Mission Sharing in Fellowship Hall. Representatives from the congregations who have brought a display, each have up to 3 minutes to talk about their mission projects which are displayed along the perimeters of FH on trifold, easels, and/or tables.

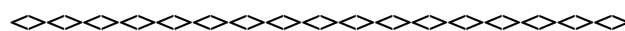
Churches bringing displays are asked to have them up by the 9:30 registration so people can look at them then as well.

1:00 pm Mission Workshop in FH: “Mission Trips – Yes You Can!” led by Tony Palubicki and Greg Wood

1:30 pm Confessions Workshop in the sanctuary: “The Apostles’ Creed – Live!” a dramatic presentation led by Alice Blanton and others

2:00 pm Concluding Prayer

Please preregister so we may know how many lunches to order. Thank you!



Community News

Robert J. Greene, Jr., organist presents “A Program of Favourites for Organ” on Sunday, September 22, 3:00 pm at State St. UMC on Valley Dr. He will be assisted by Sam Cox, narrator, and Robert Matthews, tenor.

Regular Schedule of Services

Sunday:

Contemporary Worship	8:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Traditional Worship	11:00 a.m.

Youth Groups:

Sunday	4:00 p.m.
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.

Music Rehearsals:

Sanctuary Choir	
Wednesday	7:15 p.m.
Sunday (warm-up)	10:30 a.m.
Handchimes, Wed.	5:00 p.m.
Handbells, Wed.	6:15 p.m.
Contemporary Worship Praise Team	
Thursday	7:00 p.m.
Sunday (warm-up)	7:30 a.m.

Volunteers

For Sunday, September 15:

Worship and lunch in the Park - 11:15 a.m.

After Church Visitor - Janet Smith

For Sunday, September 22:

Coffee helpers - Trish James, Lois Clark

Nursery helpers - Harvy & Jessica Stanley

Greeters

8:30 - Debbie Wagner, Larry & Lois Clarke

11:00 - Connie Bullock, Rosa Van Zyl

Head Usher - TBA

Safety Teams - Jim Gibson, Casey McComish, Larry Clarke; Ralph Davis, Bob Stuart

After Church Visitor - Ava Snyder

For Sunday, September 29:

Coffee helpers - Missy McCord & friends

Nursery helpers - Laraine Williams, Katherine Campbell

Greeters

8:30 - Gena Prince, Elise & Charlie Taylor

11:00 - Beth Parks, Joe Davis

Head Usher - TBA

Safety Team - Woody McGlothlin, Ken Moss

After Church Visitor - Kathy Story



PEACEMAKING OFFERING

II Thessalonians 3:16a *“Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways.”*

Created in 1980 and one of our special PCUSA offerings, we again have the opportunity to participate in the Peacemaking Offering on Sunday, October 6. On a day we share with other Christians around the world to celebrate the Lord’s

Supper, we are mindful of the love of Christ, who draws us all together despite our many differences.

Peacemaking is a central declaration of the gospel. Through Jesus Christ, God restores our relationship and grants us the gift of grace. We then experience God’s grace as peace and His peace restores, sustains, and heals us. In response to this good news, Christians go into the world to proclaim and become part of God’s peace-giving as peacemakers.

The Peacemaking Offering allows us to tangibly contribute to this work of peace by making funds available locally and nationally to provide programs to broaden our understanding as well as advocate for the work of peace. In a conflict-ridden world, we understand we cannot eliminate all conflicts, but we learn to address them through peaceful means with dialogue, education, and knowledge. God’s peace then works through us.

Twenty-five percent of our Offering received will be retained locally and the Session has approved for the funds to be forwarded to Abuse Alternatives, Inc. here in Bristol. Having resources to provide an emergency shelter, victim/court advocate, education and outreach programs for domestic and dating violence is essential. An additional 25% will go to our presbytery/synod, with the remaining 50 percent to the General Assembly Mission Council for peacemaking involvement throughout the world.

If you are participating in the “Path of Peace” daily e-mails based on “The Biblical Witness to Peacemaking,” we hope you are finding this helpful in your journey to join faithfully in God’s healing transformation of our broken world. Please come ready (mark your funds “Peacemaking” or use Peacemaking envelopes found in the back of the room) to give generously to the Peacemaking Offering as we commit to being instruments of the peace we find in Christ.

Share the peace, Mission, Outreach, & Evangelism

News of the Church Family



Recuperating at home: Marvin Tadlock, Doris Harkrader, Jim McCord

We offer our Christian sympathy to: Lois Clarke and family on the death of her father, Joseph Street on September 5 in Vansant, VA. David Collins and family on the death of his brother, Kenneth "Howard" Collins, in Bristol, TN on September 2.

Thank You

Dear Central Friends & Committees, Thank you for your cards and prayers during my illness! I was "surprised" and thankful my church remembered me since I have been unable to attend very often this past year. I am at Abingdon Rehab Center and doing well. It is a slow process. Thanks again for your thoughtfulness. Love, Margaret King

New Addresses:

Collin Waldron
118 Clark Swift Rd
Vilas, NC 28692-9574

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464 Arlington Ave
Bristol, VA 24201-3506



55+ Group

We will be going to Tamarack (The Best of West Virginia) on September 20. Food Service is provided by the Greenbriar. The day includes lunch and shopping. The bus leaves at 10:00 a.m. Please join us!

October 4 will take us to Ridgewood Barbecue. October 18's trip is still being decided.

On November 20-21 we are planning an overnight trip to Pigeon Forge. Cost is \$135, plus meals, for staying at the Christmas Inn and attending Biblical Times Dinner Theatre. Please sign up to indicate your interest in going.

Caroline, Ann, and Jean, coordinators

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Barbara Mann, Volunteer Parish Nurse

OFFICE HOURS: M-F 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.